



# Foggy Bottom News

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## FBA Meeting

**Monday  
November 24**

**St. Paul's Parish House  
Auditorium**

**2430 K Street N.W.  
8 p.m.**

**Leo Sullivan**

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## Landmark Committee

### Comments on Red Lion Row

The Joint Committee on Landmarks' special subcommittee on Red Lion Row met Friday, November 7 with representatives from George Washington University. A spokesperson for the subcommittee outlined for those present reservations the Joint Committee has with the University's proposed development for the 2000 block of Eye St. NW.

The Joint Committee feels that, as currently designed, the Eye St. entrance to the project's office building is incompatible with the Victorian townhouses on the rest of the block. The University had designed the entrance to tie it to the large office building it hopes to build behind Red Lion Row.

The Joint Committee also expressed the hope that shops to be located in the Red Lion Row townhouses will maintain entrances on Eye St. The University plans to give the shops the option of opening only onto the project's enclosed galleria. This will allow the shops greater security, according to the University. The Joint Committee concurs with neighborhood residents in fearing that merchants will opt not to have entrances on Eye St., thus deadening the block as a vital neighborhood entity.

The glass galleria connecting the historic townhouses to the office buildings behind is built so that it dominates the town houses, in the opinion of the Joint Committee. The office building itself also is too high and dominating. The committee suggests that the

University reduce the structure's proposed height or set the building back further from the townhouses.

Finally, the Joint Committee asked the University to provide more detail of its plans for the south or H St. portion of its project.

Following the presentation by the subcommittee, representatives from the University outlined their plans for the building. Their presentation was similar to that given a week earlier to citizens at an Advisory Neighborhood Commission meeting.

The University claims budget constraints prevent it from preserving the townhouses to more than a depth of thirty feet, as the Joint Committee and local citizens have requested that they do. It also maintains that if forced to restore more of the townhouses than it currently plans to, it will be unable to afford the shopping galleria it is planning for the project.

George Washington University must secure the approval of the Joint Committee on Landmarks before it begins constructing its project. Once that is done, it must petition the D.C. Zoning Commission to change some of the zoning in the block from residential to commercial. Thirty percent of the block is presently residentially zoned. The University must also petition the Zoning Board of Adjustment for several alley closings.



On December 3, at 1 p.m., Columbia Hospital will dedicate its new addition. Mrs. Gerald R. (Betty) Ford will be guest speaker at the dedication, which celebrates the 114-year-old hospital's first expansion in 22 years. Betty Ford is a Columbia Hospital mother, having delivered three of her children there.

## October FBA Meeting Zeroes In On Statehood

by Jean Abel

"Yes or no" on the recently passed D.C. Statehood Initiative was the topic of discussion at the October 27th meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association. The FBA met as usual at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2430 K St. N.W.

Presenting the view against the initiative was Dr. Clifton B. Smith, Chief of District Staff for Congressional Delegate Walter Fauntroy. Arguing for it was Dr. Wesley Long, a representative of the Statehood Committee.

Dr. Smith commented that although he and Delegate Fauntroy favor self-determination, they do not believe the Statehood Initiative is in the best interests of D.C. residents.

"Three questions need to be resolved with regard to the initiative," said Dr. Smith. First: The initiative does not adequately address the problem of the federal enclave. "What would happen to the \$300,000,000 annual payment the District now receives to replace tax revenues not collected from federally owned lands?" he asked. "And would statehood hamper the federal government's ability to defend itself, should it come under attack?"

Second: The cost of sending delegates to a constitutional convention would severely strain the already crisis-ridden District budget. Third: the timing of the in-

itiative is such that it could confuse state legislatures being asked to ratify the voting rights amendment. Finally, Dr. Smith argued that achieving statehood was a process that could take many years and could drain money needed for other programs from the District budget.

Dr. Long opened his remarks by affirming that the people of the District deserve to be fully represented. He also brought out the point that statehood is permanent, whereas home rule could be voted out by Congress.

The district population, said Dr. Long, is larger and more highly educated than the population of many states. Under statehood, the District could bring in tax revenues from more stable sources than it currently does. The federal payment, he said, would continue, just as does payment for federally owned land in many other states. Dr. Long then outlined the steps to statehood. Now that the initiative has passed, Congress must approve it within 30 days. After that, 45 delegates must be elected to a constitutional convention. The initiative authorized an initial \$750,000 to pay for that convention. The District Council must authorize any additional funds spent on achieving statehood.

After both speeches, FBA members discussed the issues and

questioned Drs. Smith and Long. The point was brought out in that discussion that although the statehood initiative may send conflicting signals to states being asked to ratify the voting rights amendment, it would send a message to the American people, many of whom have no idea that the 650,000 people of Washington have no means of representation in Congress.

After the statehood debate, the monthly FBA business meeting began. President Landgraf announced that FBA had donated \$100 to St. Paul's Church as a gesture of thanks for our use of their facilities. Mr. Landgraf also thanked the many helpers who made this year's Oktoberfest one of the best we've ever had.

## ANC Meeting

**Tuesday,**

**December 2**

**St. Mary's Court**

**725 24th St.**

**8:00 p.m.**



## ANC News from A to Z

ANC News—What is happening in Foggy Bottom—West End. What Happened This October and November.

**D.C. Budget FY 1982:** Nowick reported on the FY 82 D.C. Budget, highlighting various cutbacks. All library branches, including the West End, will continue operation under the proposed budget. Resolution R-4 was passed which opposed the closing of Fire Engine Company 23.

**Diplomatic Reciprocity Act:** The ANC passed resolution R-2, opposing provisions of Congressional Bill S. 2866 which would transfer authority of foreign mission location, size and design from the D.C. Zoning Commission and BZA to the National Capital Planning Commission and a Diplomatic Services Corporation.

**Economic Development:** Peter Geolot, of the local Odd Fellows Lodge gave a presentation on the new Oddfellows Lodge to be constructed next to St. Mary's Court. Using an architect's model of the structure, Geolot explained the design and use of the Lodge and its effects on the surrounding neighborhood. Representatives of the Southland Corporation announced with "reasonable certainty" that a 7-11 Store will be installed on the site of Nichols Market at 24th St. and New Hampshire Ave. Citizens expressed sensitivity about the compatibility of the store with the residential surroundings. Nowick urged interested citizens to contact Feldman with their views.

**GWU Bicycle Parking Lot:** The ANC passed resolution R-3 in support of GWU's application before the BZA (13391) to continue to operate a bicycle parking lot at 2015 H Street.

**Public Comments:** Some citizens cited potential problems with the placement and enforcement of a "No Truck" sign on 24th Street. Some citizens raised concern about a report that the Mayor was considering the abolishment of the Rental Accommodations Office.

**Red Lion Row:** The ANC heard reports on GWU's Red Lion Row redevelopment project from GWU and the ANC's special Red Lion Row committee, which has been negotiating with GWU for many months. The ANC committee recommended that the ANC adopt a resolution opposing certain aspects of the project before the Joint Committee on Landmarks for the Nation's Capital. GWU objected to this resolution maintaining that its assertions were not entirely justified and not in keeping with the spirit of the GWU-ANC talks. A public discussion followed, in which citizens aired various views about the project. Nowick, Levy, Miller and Molinelli concurred with committee head Karen Gordon that the resolution was satisfactory and would help to focus on specific areas of agreement and disagreement. Feldman opposed the resolution, maintaining that the resolution was not the best way to handle such a complex issue. The ANC then voted 4-1 to adopt the resolution, number R-1. The ANC scheduled a special meeting for November 17 to discuss the RED LION ROW case which is coming up before the D.C. Zoning Commission in December.

**Stevens' School:** On a request by Stevens' School for community support, the Commissioner's allocated \$100 to be applied to the Stevens' School Reading Fund (RFI).

**Zoning:** Special Assistant Lila Roper announced that Mr. Roger Kindler will represent the neighborhood in its appeal of the ABC's granting of a liquor licence to the River Inn Hotel. Roper announced Mr. Edward Lenkin's case appealing the BZA's decision to deny variances to a structure at the corner of 26th and I Streets will be forthcoming; Nowick summarized the BZA hearing on Square 38.

**BNA Building:** GWU is requesting continuance of its present rental site in the Bureau of National Affairs Building, on the 1200 block of 25th St. Dr. Ott, a representative from the GWU Clinic, explained the uses of the clinic and outpatient care. Expressing his wish to continue in the present site, he explained how the University desired to improve the patient practice flow. The Commission decided not to take a position on the upcoming BZA case. Levy reported a deferral by the developers to rezone land on the 1100 block of 23rd St. from residential to commercial.

## Library Threatened

The West End Library faces the possibility of having its hours cut back from five to three days a week. The D.C. public library system has consistently kept within its annual budget, something that can't be said of other departments of the district government.

The library system's budget for next year was initially cut by \$3,000,000. After considerable protest from D.C. residents, \$1.5 million of that budget was restored. Were it not for the

restored funds, several branches of the system would have been closed. Now, all will remain open, but several will have their operating hours cut back.

It will be up to the residents of Foggy Bottom to let the district government know that we want our library kept open more than a nominal three days a week.

To register your concern, send a letter today to District Council member John Wilson, District Building, 14th & E Sts. NW, 20004.

## Lending a Helping Hand

St. Thomas' Parish (Episcopal), 1772 Church St., N.W., in cooperation with the Indochinese Community Center, 1628 16th St., N.W., has begun a long-range program to provide support services to refugees from Indochina.

Refugees from Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia (Kampuchea) attend classes twice a week and are taught English and orientation to the American way of life. Two-person teams of volunteers from both within and without the parish teach one two-hour class each week for eight to twelve weeks. Classes consist of four to eight students and are held in the church at whatever time is convenient for the teachers and students. Teachers may use materials developed by their predecessors or may create their own. Course content depends on the needs of each class.

Potluck suppers for teachers, students, their friends and families, and other parishioners are held the first Monday of each month. Trips are organized to local special events of interest.

In addition to classes, St. Thomas' Parish has opened a small store especially for its students from Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam and for their friends. The shop is called The Benefit Shop, and located at 1768 Church Street, N.W., two doors from the church. The Benefit Shop has clothing, kitchen items and household goods at a very low price. The shop open every Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., beginning is October 4.

If you would like to volunteer or have ideas for other activities, please call either Hayden Wetzel (St. Thomas' coordinator): 377-4493 (days), 332-3554 (nights), or Pat Swain (Indochinese Community Center coordinator): 462-4330 (days).

Response to The Benefit Shop has been quite good. Local residents have donated clothing and household goods until the shop is nearly full.

But there is one problem! Most of the clothes donated are too large for the average Indochinese refugee.

If you have any clothing in relatively small sizes, the Shop would greatly appreciate those you no longer want.

## Carolyn Stern Succumbs to Leukemia

Carolyn Stern, a resident of Bonwit Plaza at 24th & H, died October 19 at Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore. Carolyn had been ill for several months with leukemia, and was in GWU Hospital prior to transferring to Johns Hopkins for special treatment.

A native of Madison, Wisconsin, she has lived in Washington for 17 years, and was an acquisitions librarian for the International Monetary Fund. She is survived by her parents, three brothers and a sister who live in Wisconsin, and by her aunt, Eleanor Juckem, who lives in Foggy Bottom.

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## News from 25th & Eye

**Good news first:** St. Stephen the Martyr Church was the scene on Friday, September 26, of the wedding of Jackie Lemire and Paul O'Leary. For their wedding trip, Jackie and Paul, who live on 25th Street, sailed on the QEII and then traveled to Paris. Fran and Paul Kane, former members of St. Stephen's parish who witnessed their marriage, hosted a reception in their honor on October 26.

A new arrival on the block is Yoshi, a Tibetan terrier puppy, and this writer was captivated by him at first meeting. Debbie Shacter thus joins the FB walk around the block group, but does not seem to mind, being even more captivated with her new charge.

Bad news last: Phyllis Bonnano, who has lived on Eye Street for several years, has reluctantly left the area, having purchased a condo apartment near the Kennedy Warren on Connecticut Avenue. We will miss her and Finn, her large and lovable Golden Retriever: she says, however, that she will miss FB even more.

## News From Queen Anne's Lane, N.W.

Margaret Stoessel recently returned from visiting family and friends in Caracas and Maracaibo, Venezuela.

Murdaugh S. Madden, Vice President and General Counsel of the Humane Society of the U.S. has just returned from business meetings in Amsterdam and London.

Ann Marie Emmet was hospitalized for a few days. We are happy to report that she has left Georgetown Hospital.

Mr. Luther Hodges, Jr., former Deputy Secretary of Commerce, is the new Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the National Bank of Washington. Good luck.

Dick Dickenson, a former resident of the Lane, now residing in Sanibel, Florida, continues doing special assignments for his old employer, the World Bank. Dick was here about two weeks ago en route to Pakistan. He expects to return to Guest Quarters around the middle of November. His spouse, Frankie, plans to join him for a few days here before they return to Florida.

Happy Turkey to all.

Mary Brewster

## And from here and there

Washington Circle Drugs provided free coffee for all those who worked the polls at United Church on election day, November 4.

Condominium sales at the Bader, Swarthmore, President and Jefferson House are brisk! One Saturday afternoon in late October, sales representatives at the Bader had sold more than 16 units in that single day. At the Swarthmore, the count was similar. Both condominium projects have several refurbished units open for inspection.

The Bader is putting in a garden courtyard in its rear. That building is cleverly promoting its "Art Deco" decor.

At The President, a furnished model apartment is open Monday through Saturday. Much of the traffic through the sales office there comes during the week, from people going to and from the Foggy Bottom Metro stop.

Rick Churchill and wife, Kathy Haley have moved from the Marquette apartments to the President, where they plan to buy a condominium. Their phone number remains the same.

FBA thanks Ellie Becker, Catherine Worth and Lucille Duprat for helping to lay out the News this month.

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Foggy Bottom Christmas Special Rates Available December 18 - January 5. \$5 of this will be donated to the Foggy Bottom Association.

## GWU Crew Makes Historic Find

A crew of George Washington University Physical Plant Department Carpenters repairing a leak in the roof of Woodhull House recently discovered several historic objects which had been sealed in the abandoned attic for over 20 years.

Their finds included a box of invitations to the university's centennial celebration in 1921 and an old carved marble mantel piece. They also found a Remington duplicating machine which Lee Ward, PPD foreman working on the Woodhull House job, believes may date from the late 1800's.

According to PPD Director Robert Burch, the attic was boarded up in the '50's to bring Woodhull House into compliance with the building code. For the third-story attic to have made been accessible, a fire escape, fireproof doors and other safety measures would have become necessary; therefore the story was merely closed off.

Ward, who has worked at GWU for 34 years, was part of the crew which originally boarded up the attic. At that time, he says, it was used for storage of graduation gowns, as well as other odds and ends which apparently were forgotten there until they were rediscovered recently.

Burch said that PPD has not decided what it will do with the articles, although the invitations will probably be passed along the University Historian Elmer L. Kayser. Workers who accompanied Ward in making the find were Tommy O'Dell, Will McCarrell and Bob Sprouse.

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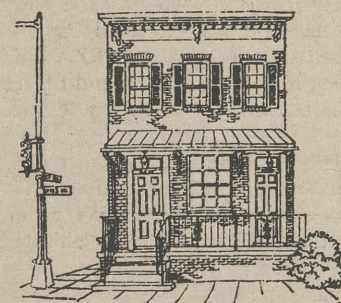
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Comments are invited and may be submitted in writing to the Director of the Public Library, 901 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001 during the review period.



# Columbia Hospital:

Mary E. Healy

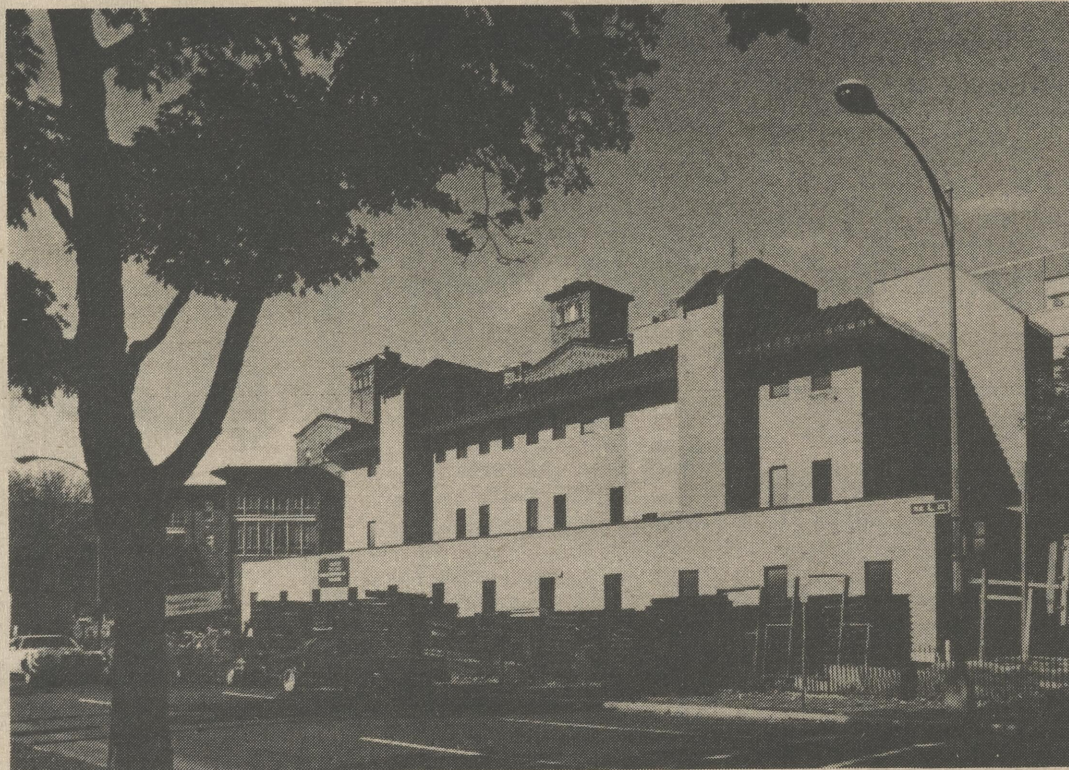
Columbia Hospital for Women, an independent non-profit institution, the oldest and only hospital devoted entirely to women and newborn infants in the Washington Metropolitan Area, recently had its 114th year anniversary.

Both the Hospital and the building it now occupies at 2425 L Street, NW, have long been a part of American History. Need for a special hospital for the treatment of women grew out of the Civil War, when thousands of women, sick and stranded by the ravages of the war, were left high and dry in a city with inadequate medical facilities for their care. Critical need for care of these women was recognized by the military services and in June 1866 a Congressional Charter for Columbia Hospital was approved, stating in explicit terms that "its purpose was to establish a hospital in the City of Washington for treatment of diseases peculiar to women and for obstetrics." Would you believe that at this time costs for a week of hospital care were from \$6 to \$10? With spiraling hospital costs today Columbia is very proud of the fact that its costs are the third lowest in the city, yet its medical service to women is the best.

Columbia opened its doors in 1866 with 50 beds and has consistently resisted the pressures to become a large general hospital. Today, over a hundred years later, it has only 154 beds, thus allowing the doctors, nurses and staff to provide the individual attention to the adult women and new born infant patients for which the Hospital is so highly recognized throughout the medical community. This individual attention keeps the newborn death rate down and the adult recovery rate up. While Columbia Hospital is small in size it has the largest number of beds of any area hospital dealing with the unique medical problems of women and newborns.

The present hospital site, to which Columbia moved in 1873, was originally the home of the British Embassy. The present structure was built in 1912 and like many fine old buildings has responded to the concerned care which its occupants give to it. With the new East addition, a small West Administrative Support addition, and rehabilitation of certain areas in the main hospital, hopefully Columbia Hospital for Women will be around in its present home for another century or so.

The new additions were designed by the architectural firm of Faulkner, Fryer and Vanderpool to blend with the existing structure with as little disturbance to the Hospital and surrounding community as possible. Given a few years, together with growth of the designed landscaping, the "House on the Hill," as Columbia used to be referred to by its neighbors, will be a place of pride to the Washington community as well as a place of pride to the medical community.



New East Wing, viewed from 24th and L Sts.

Columbia has stuck faithfully to its Charter — it is a small specialty hospital concentrating on medical problems peculiar to women. *Within the past 10 years Columbia has expanded its services from purely obstetrics to a holistic approach to the care of women by establishing a new clinical service for the care of the total woman.*

The new East addition clearly is proof of this; no new beds are being added — only technical services. With the addition of 41,000 square feet of technical space, capability of clinical areas will be strengthened. Included in this space is a new Intensive Care Nursery, Labor Rooms, Pharmacy, Laboratory, Ambulatory Care, Radiology Department, Adult Intensive Care Unit, Surgical Recovery Rooms, Central Sterile Supply and a Breast Cancer Diagnostic Center. This Center will be the first in the Washington area to utilize sonography in the diagnosis of breast disease. These improved facilities will make it possible for Columbia to continue to provide the best in clinical and diagnostic services for the care of the total woman and newborn infants.

During its history Columbia Hospital has continually lengthened its long string of medical firsts in responding to the special needs of women and newborn infants, putting it among the top hospitals in the nation. *To date Columbia has delivered over 210,000 babies; its infant mortality rate is only 5.3 per 1,000 deliveries, less than half the national average and one-third that of the District of Columbia, despite the fact that many women come to Columbia because they have difficult or unusual pregnancies. Columbia delivers about one out of every twelve babies born throughout the Metropolitan Washington Area.*

Medical proficiency of Columbia Hospital, long recognized in the medical profession, permitted it, in record time, to reach its goal of \$1 million from the Metropolitan community for construction of its \$7.5 million East and West additions and improvements in the main hospital. The fund raising campaign, the first major fund raising effort in the hospital's 114 year history, was started in the spring of 1979 and the goal reached by early fall this year. This fact alone testifies to the high esteem in which the hospital is held in the Metropolitan Area of Washington.

One of the things which makes Columbia extra special is the Birthing Room, with its Birthing bed. The Birthing Room is an alternative to home delivery which lends itself to the preference of many mothers for natural childbirth without the risk of delivery at home. The bed is made of wood, not cold unromantic metal, and the room decorated in bright cheerful colors. Just a short distance from the bed is a carpeted area with a couple of reclining expectant mother to freely move around, deliver and recover with her family near by in an atmosphere similar to her own home.

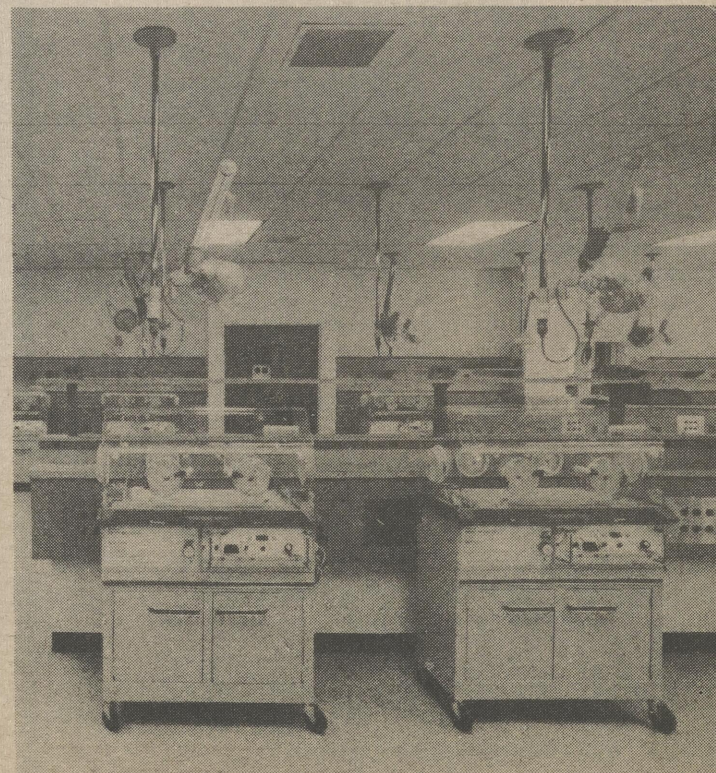
Personal attention given to patients has remained steady over Columbia's more than 100 years. In times of trouble or extreme happiness people tend to like to be with their family and close friends. The feeling of being "at home and among friends" is quickly evident at Columbia. Columbia continues to be innovatively progressive in developing new techniques and equipment to better serve the health needs of women and newborn infants.

obstetrics, gynecology and neonatology and its low infant mortality rate is directly related to this commitment and dedication of its medical and supporting staffs.

*Recently Mayor Marion Barry's grave concern for the high infant mortality rate in the city resulted in establishment of a Blue Ribbon Task Force to study this problem and develop solutions. The participation of Dr. John Scanlon of Columbia was seen as a direct effort of the Mayor to capture the experience and expertise of Columbia Hospital for Women for use in other city hospitals.*

Columbia Hospital for Women is administered by a dedicated and experienced Volunteer Board of Directors, a Women's Board, and by a superior medical, nursing and administrative staff. Over the years it has attracted some of the country's most able surgeons and physicians. Columbia has a high standard of efficiency and professionalism in its surgical, medical and nursing staffs and a strong devotion to purpose and goals in this specialized field of medical care for women.

*Over the years physicians and staff from Columbia have pioneered development of new treatments and equipment and many important firsts are credited to them. To name a few: Introduced radium therapy for treatment of female disorders in the United States; instituted routine use of recovery room in 1899 for care of post-operative patients, reducing death rates from 12% in 1899 to 3% in 1905; developed a mechanism to aid in immediate resuscitation of the newborn (this device later became standard delivery room equipment); established first Prenatal Clinic in Washington area; developed Infant Footprint Identi-*



New Neonatology Intensive Care Nursery



# Another Milestone

tification System as part of hospital records (later became model for hospitals throughout the nation); set up Intensive Care Unit for newborn infants; conducted special studies to determine effectiveness of mammography, which helped define the limitations and benefits of this new diagnostic technique; developed diagnostic methods to determine diabetes mellitus in pregnancy and congenital malformations (offspring of diabetic mothers).

Columbia also established the first Expectant Fathers Classes in the nation; introduced Sibling Visitation to allow children of all ages to visit their mothers and newly arrived siblings in the maternity ward; established gynecological oncology services for cancer patients; developed a "Code Pink" system to provide special care for infants in distress at time of delivery, thereby preventing many infant deaths.

Columbia was one of the first hospitals to use and develop techniques in the fields of laparoscopy, micro-surgery; one

of the first hospitals on the east coast to offer laser surgery for gynecology; established a Sonography Research Program and became the foremost teacher in the area; developed technique to determine effects of drugs and disease on pregnancies through analysis of umbilical cord blood.

The hospital also undertook work in the field of fertility involving complex area of malfunctioning of pregnancy and overcoming endocrine gland disorders preventing pregnancy; established an Ambulatory Care Center as a community service for Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, primarily oriented to obstetrics and gynecology and ancillary services within these fields.

Columbia functions as an Area Referral Service for High Risk Pregnancies — its Neonatal Intensive Care Nursery is fully equipped to treat both sick and premature infants. Columbia is looking toward becoming a Regional Prenatal Center — one where high risk pregnancies, with potential problems for both mother and infant, can be

monitored prior to and after delivery.

Columbia has consistently sought to provide quality Medical Care at the lowest possible costs consistent with good management. In May 1979 the joint commission on accreditation of hospitals commended Columbia Hospital for Women "for the quality of Health Care provided to its patients" as well as for its "voluntary efforts to improve the quality of Health Care while being mindful of the need to contain Health Care costs."

An interesting little known fact about Columbia Hospital for Women, and one that speaks well of its character, happened during the Great Depression. During this period the dedicated staff at Columbia was tested and found wanting. For three months employees worked without pay to keep the hospital from closing. This same dedication is evidenced today in the care given to patients and in the constant consciousness exhibited by all employees in the operation of the Hospital.

## For Women Only

Katharine Brooks

Atop the hill overlooking Foggy Bottom was built the Columbia Hospital for Women 99 years ago. It is the original site of the permanent institution, first opened at 24th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue in 1861. According to hospital records, the "house and grounds were leased from Dr. Maynard."

No further identification is given and the oldest of the city directories in the collection of the Haskin Information Service, 1877, lists only Dr. John Maynard, dentist at 1303 K Street. He could have been the owner.

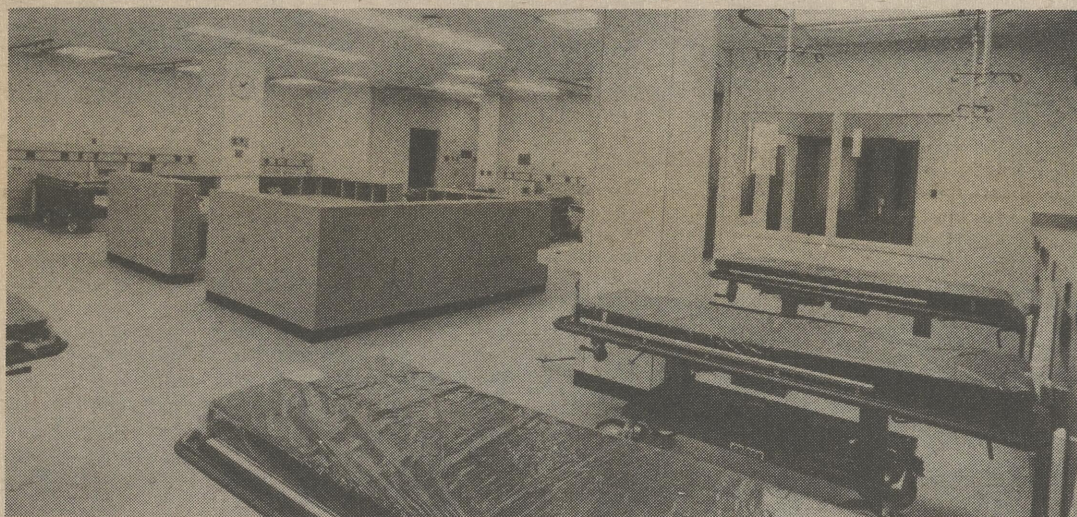
"In 1861, with a population of 100,000" the city had only two hospitals, one for the insane and no hospital or dispensary for the

the Surgeon General to provide 50 beds with a full supply of medicine and medical stores, 20 of them to be used exclusively for wives and widows of soldiers.

The permanent foundation was established for the hospital treating diseases peculiar to women exclusively in 1872. The year before that the hospital had cared for 301 inpatients and 4,109 out-patients. In the year 1959, 7,172 bed patients were cared for and 13,302 in the clinic. The hospital was Federally owned and its management was responsible to the Congress through the Architect of the Capitol until June 1952 when all property rights were transferred to the Board of Directors of the Hospital by an act of

## Looking Back

*This article appeared in the May 1960 issue of the Foggy Bottom News. Columbia Hospital at that time too, was being renovated.*



New Adult Intensive Care Unit

poor. So because "of the large number of females attracted to the City in war, the need for a hospital exclusively for women became apparent."

Thus J.H. Thompson, M.D., laid his plans before the Rev. Drs. A.B. Gillette, C.H. Hall, and Moses Kelly, and with the cooperation and consultation of Surgeon General Barnes (again no given name) it was placed in the hands of Secretary of War E.P. Stanton. His decision was that the hospital should be fostered by the Government as so many of the beneficiaries would be "wards of the Government." He authorized

Congress which restricted its operation to the treatment of women patients.

Funds were appropriated by the Congress until June 1900 when the District of Columbia Board of Charities assumed the responsibility. The hospital was administered by a Board of Directors as a nonprofit institution.

The main building facing L Street was built in 1916 at a cost of \$300,000. Its renovation is now underway. When this is completed, there will be a capacity of 156 beds as against the present 125, and 120 bassinets and the total cost will be over \$3 million.



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**INNER HARBOR AND INNER WASHINGTON**

By

Maureen Mosher

I have managed to visit to Baltimore's Inner Harbor twice! There is so much to do there that even in two visits I did not see everything.

The Inner Harbor area is in the southeast area of Baltimore bordered on the north by Pratt St., on the east, by East Falls Avenue, on the west by St. Paul St., and on the south, by the harbor itself.

One of the most dominant sights at the harbor is the clipper ship, the *Constellation*. She sat placidly anchored, a woven mass of masts and rigging, naked without her sails. When I bought my \$1.50 ticket to board her, I was given a detailed pamphlet which guided me throughout the entire ship. The ship is incredibly old. She was built at the end of the 18th century and was servicable and utilized up to very recently.

I gradually descended to the bowels of the ship in for stages. The first deck below the top consisted of several cannons and ammunition. The second deck was the kitchen and dining area, dominated by a huge wood-burning stove in the center. The third deck was the sleeping quarters for the 400-man crew, and the fourth deck was a storage area.

As I descended lower and lower, the air became increasingly musty and foul. I could easily sympathize with the young greenhorn sailor who spent many a seasick hour in his stuffy cramped living quarters. There were no bunks in the sleeping quarters, just the vacant deck area. However, I could see that the deck area assigned to house over 400 men was no larger than a one bedroom apartment!

I completed my tour, feeling like I had a better idea of what sailors in the 18th and 19th century had to endure.

I next strolled around the dock area, watching several would be sailors struggling and cursing with their gasoline cans and six packs into their

dinghies. In one area, peddle boats can be rented by the hour, allowing everyone to be a sailor for a day.

As hunger began to gnaw at me, I took a tour of the new eating facilities available. There are many fine (but expensive) restaurants, most of which have outdoor dining areas. Being light of wallet, I passed these by and discovered an entire two floors of exotic carry-out shops. There was Caribbean food, Chinese food, seafood and beer, bagel sandwiches, chocolate chip cookie shops, pastery shops, ice cream shops, pizza shops, submarine sandwich shops etc. etc. I purchased a bagel sandwich and a beer, and sat down at an outdoor table to watch the harbor sights as I ate. I then polished off my meal with three large varieties of chocolate chip cookies (peanut butter, plain and chocolate) still warm from the oven.

There are tons of little shops housed in the three large buildings as well. I had just enough time to visit a children's bookstore and a wood craft shop before I returned home.

Returning to Washington reminded me of the opportunities there for meeting new people and doing new things through the infinite selection of social clubs in and around Washington. Among my favorites are the Wanderbirds, Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, Sierra Club and the American Youth Hostel.

The Wanderbirds are the first club I discovered when I came to Washington 10 years ago. Every Sunday throughout the year, they have a hike up in the Shenandoah Park area or, occasionally, in other park or national forest areas. Everyone meets at the chartered bus at 17th and K St. around 8 a.m. and for a small fee of \$7.50, one is transported away from the city into the wilderness.

What I like best about this club are the people. They vary in age from the 20's to the 70's and are warm, friendly and down-to-earth.

The trips are very organized and thus, one can plan on being back in Washington at the time one expects to be. There is usually a long (10-15 miles) hike or a short (6-9 miles) hike to choose from. The pace is fairly fast and is designed to give one a fair amount of exercise while drinking in the scenery. At the end of the hike, a cooler full of beer and soft drinks as well as munchies are available for a nominal cost of \$45.

The second club I discovered once I came to Washington was the Sierra Club. Although its main purpose is lobbying for environmental concerns, the club a social side to it as well. Hikes usually take place every weekend and canoe trips and an occasional backpacking trip are available as well. The hikes are moderate (8-10 miles) or very rigorous (13-16 miles over rugged terrain) and transportation is done by car pooling.

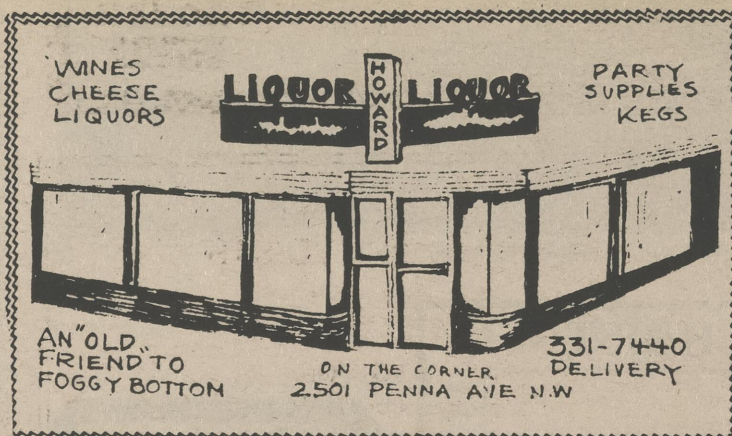
I discovered the American Youth Hostel club about five years ago. They offer more variety in trips than any club I've seen. I've been on a white water canoe trip with them as well as a trip to hunt for precious stones. They also offer biking and caving trips. The people I've met are usually friendly and interesting. The one drawback is that the trips are not always well-organized.

The last club I discovered is the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC), which I learned about through the Wanderbirds. Several Wanderbirds are PATC members as well. The PATC is based upon volunteer effort to maintain the Appalachian Trail as well as other trails in the PATC area, to build new trails, to plan for new trails, and to build and maintain cabins for rent to the public for a nominal fee. Most of their social activities revolve around weekend work trips to build or maintain trails and cabins. They have occasional hikes and backpacking trips as well. Like the people I met in the Wanderbirds Club, these people are warm, friendly, well-organized and down-to-earth. Definitely my kind of people! The club has a ski touring and a mountaineering section as well.

Selecting a club focused on my specific interests has been effective shortcut to meeting like-minded and likeable people. I highly recommend it.

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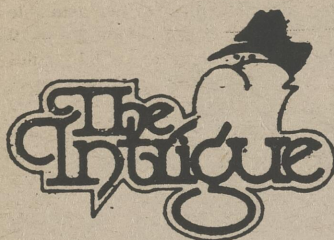


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## Fantasy Architecture Featured at the Octagon

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Such historic examples as Maine's Wedding Cake House and New Jersey's Lucy the Elephant represent a few of the many early architectural follies built in America. Such naive vernacular structures as Los Angeles' "Tail of the Pup" and Winston-Salem's Shell gas station (in the form of a clam shell) present a unique expression of architectural fantasy — many of which have received

design recognition.

The Octagon exhibition also explores the theme that a number of architects and artists are able to stretch their imaginations beyond any restrictions and boundaries of reality. Fantasy does not in any way imply unfeasible, unreal or impossible — but rather an indulgence in reverie. Twenty creative alternatives to design options and concepts by leading American artists and architects are included in the exhibition. D.C. artist David Stainback has projected visionary alternatives for the great monuments on the Washington Mall — including the Washington Monument Condominiums. David Macaulay has envisioned an inflatable cathedral which would "create a distinguished setting at a moment's notice."

## FBA Membership Drive

by Lucille Duprat

A number of Foggy Bottom residents are participating in this year's membership drive as chairpersons for their building or block. Listed below are a number of buildings in the area with the names of the chairperson for each.

If you have not already joined the Foggy Bottom Association, do so now! Chairpersons for buildings not listed will be published in the next issue.

Look for a profile of the building or block with the largest percentage of FBA members in a future issue of the Foggy Bottom News.

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